

MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION

SUMMARY

The Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission operates a system of regional and local facilities to provide educational and cultural radio and television programs throughout the State. The Commission is responsible for the preparation, content, and presentation of programs for the general public. The FY 2005 - FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program includes funding for a Statewide Digital Interconnection Network System and preliminary planning for a new Community Learning Center.

CHANGES TO FY 2004 - FY 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2005

None

Changes to FY 2006 - FY 2008

Community Learning Center (P): Planning funds for this project have been deferred until FY 2009 to accommodate other budget priorities.

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FY 2005 - FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program State-Owned Facilities

MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION Budget Code: RP00

Statewide Digital Interconnection Network System	FY 2005 Total	\$500
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Purchase and install equipment for a Statewide digital interconnection network to replace similar services provided by WorldCom, Inc. Currently, MPT leases this service from WorldCom for its existing (analog) signal. WorldCom has declined to provide a similar service to MPT for its digital signal, but has estimated the annual lease cost would be \$800,000 per year if it did provide the service. This network is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for both its analog signal and for its digital signal when MPT completes its FCC-mandated conversion to a digital broadcasting format.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	1,100	500	-	-	-	-	1,600
GF	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
TOTAL	1,450	500	-	-	-	-	1,950
<u>Use</u>							
Equipment	1,450	500	-	-	-	-	1,950

Community Learning Center (Baltimore County)

Construct a Community Learning Center and Digital Studio to meet increasing growth in educational content and related services provided by Maryland Public Television. The new facility will provide meeting space and expanded digital production capacity for educational programming. The estimated cost of this facility totals \$19,250,000.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	500	500
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	500	500
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	-	-	500	500

Total Program - Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	500	-	-	-	500	1,000